

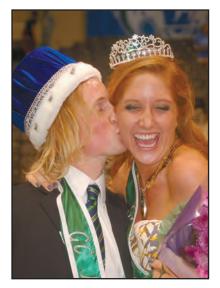
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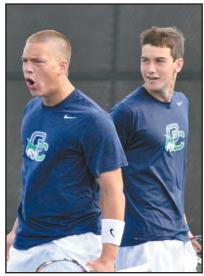
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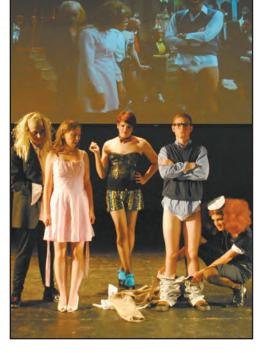




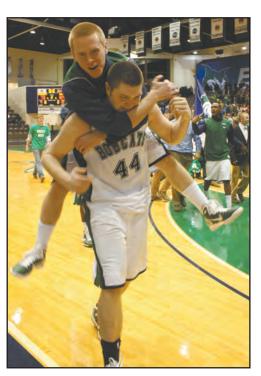
















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#### **N**EWS **F**LASH

#### Georgia College to offer two new master's degrees

Georgia College will offer two new master's degrees in art therapy and in reading, language and literacy. The university is the first in the state to offer a master's degree with a major in art therapy. The Departments of Music Therapy and Art will join to produce the art therapy program while the master's in education in reading, language and literacy will be derived from the Department of Education.



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## Graduation budget breakdown

REBECCA BURNS SENIOR REPORTER

Graduation, the last hurrah of a Georgia College education, comes with a hefty price tag. Last year the spring undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies cost over \$100,000.

#### The General Budget

Last year, the general budget of \$33,361 came from a pool of tuition and state appropriations and covered many of the big-ticket items that adorn Front Campus.

The total for the 6,000 chairs that filled the lawn was \$14,555, over one-third of the general budget. About half of the cost went towards freight and set up and breakdown of the rentals. Buying the chairs to avoid shipping costs is not a plausible option for several reasons, according to Chief Budget Officer Susan Allen.

"We wouldn't have any place to store them number one," Allen said. "And we wouldn't have any other use for them. Plus chairs are pretty expensive when you buy them too. The biggest reason would be storage we are stretched for space now as it is."

Storage space is also an issue with the plants that are bought every year to decorate the lawn.

"(The school gets ferns) new every year because there is just so many the greenhouse can't hold them, plus the greenhouse is already full," Allen said. "But typically, just so they will look nice, they get the ferns new each year."

Other expenses include professional audio, musicians and printing costs.

#### Regalia, Water and Other Expenses

In addition to the \$33,361 general budget, a separate account is designated for regalia.

The regalia budget pays for the caps, gowns, hoods for graduates, stoles for undergraduates, honor cords, diplomas, diploma covers, diploma mailing costs and programs. Last year, the total was \$74,742; the programs alone cost \$11,224.

Sodexo is also pitching in to keep faculty cool during the ceremonies.

"The graduations have gotten so large that Sodexo picks up the cost (for water) in the big jugs for the faculty and staff," Allen said.

According to SGA Senator Brad Berg, the Student Government Association is looking at



spending money for water bottles for students; however, no funds have been committed towards graduation as of April 25.

"... It's going to come to about 83 cents per bottle," Berg said. "We would probably purchase near about 1,200 bottles of water which comes out to about \$1,000."

#### **Intangible Costs**

While many different budgets supplement the general graduation budget, intangible costs include staff and faulty that are working without additional payment.

One of the most hardworking crews graduation weekend is University Broadcasting which films both ceremonies in their entirety. The tremendous undertaking is led by Manager of Television Services Bill Wendt.

"It's our biggest event of the year obviously," Wendt said. "We bring in a lot of people. We bring in the TV department as well as other departments because we just don't have enough staff to run a big multi-camera broadcast."

It takes at least ten people and 1,000 feet of camera and audio cable plus a three-day schedule to pull it off, according to Wendt.

"Set up Thursday, test Thursday night, Friday there's the graduate ceremony and then we kind of break the majority of things down," Wendt said. "Then on Saturday we get back out at seven o'clock to reset and retest in time for the 8:45 processional."

The team's footage is sent out on the cable

system to the overflow rooms for all the televisions in Atkinson Hall and Chick-fil-A, the two overflow rooms in Magnolia Ballroom and Russell Auditorium, and it is also streamed live on the main Georgia College website.

The only cost associated with the filming is \$1,900 for professional audio that is brought in. This cost is a part of the general graduation budget of \$33,361.

"It's just part of our regular job. If we had to pay to have this done, it would probably be many thousands of dollars, but it is just part of our regular thing." Wendt said.

our regular thing," Wendt said.

According to Registrar Kay Anderson, faculty, staff and alumni are also gracious in giving their time and support to the university as speakers for the graduate commencement without expense. Larger schools, however, usually have funds or endowments towards paying well-known speakers.

"Very famous speakers, very renowned speakers often come at tremendous cost," Anderson said. "They can literally rank in the tens of thousands of dollars and we are obviously not in a position for that type of extravagance at this time in our history."

This year the speaker for the graduate ceremony is Bob Wilson, history professor and the official University historian. While the undergraduate ceremony does not have an invited speaker and has not had one for at least the past five years, one undergraduate student who is a

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# Attendance policy sees changes

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

After a recent change to Georgia College's class attendance policy, professors will no longer be able to remove a student from the class roll for too many absences. In the University Senate's March meeting, a motion was filed to strike a provision from the university's policy that allows professors to remove a student from their class for accumulating too many absences over the course of the semester.

After theses changes, only students are capable of dropping their classes. This has to be done by filling out a withdrawal form through the Office of the Registrar. However, professors still have the right to assign a student an "F" for going over the absence limit for that particular class.

Ken McGill, chairman of the Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy, said the change was made mainly for financial reasons as a benefit to students. The main issue with professors dropping students from a class due to attendance is that the student dropped from a class still have to pay the fees associated with the class. Also, the attempted hours would be placed under the HOPE Scholarship hours limit.

"It's something that had to be put into place," McGill said. "Once a student is dropped from a course, there are financial things to consider. Only the Registrar's Office drops a student from a class. Now it is up to students to take the responsibility of whether or not they want to stay enrolled in the class."

McGill also said that the change doesn't undercut the importance of class attendance, something he deems vital to success in his classes.

"It's very well known that those who attend class regularly tend to do better than those who don't," McGill said. "I don't

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# Budget cuts to lead to fee increases

Matt Chambers SENIOR REPORTER

Georgia College will face an additional three percent budget cut for Fiscal Year 2012. The three percent is in addition to the six percent cuts for this year. According to Chief Budget Officer Susan Allen, the nine percent in cuts totals \$2.7 million.

"We're almost at the same level of state appropriations we had in Fiscal Year 2000, which was \$26 million. We're at \$27 million now," Allen said.

While facing budget cuts, Georgia College's expenses have risen by 85 percent, Allen said.

The increase in expenses are mainly attributed to items the university cannot control the cost of, like medical benefits, retirement funds and building operation costs.

Students will see a \$2 increase to the parking fee next year to help with costs as well.

The increases to the student activities and technology fees were not approved. Next year also marks the start of the second phase for the Wellness Center fee, meaning that students will see a \$50 increase as a result.

The Board of Regents also voted to increase a special fee students pay from \$150 to \$250 per semester.

Georgia College has taken actions to help offset the budget cuts so that tuition and fees do

"We cut a huge budget for cyclical replacement of computers on campus. We cut funds for library books," Allen said. "These are things we hope to restore."

Georgia College also had a campus-wide one percent cut to operating costs. In 2008 when the budget cuts began, the university also removed 11 positions that were vacant to help save mon-

President Leland said the university has been preparing for additional budget cuts for next year, so there will not be many significant changes.

Leland is not expecting any additional furloughs or lay-offs for faculty as a result of the

'We've known for most of the year that (an additional cut) was coming," Leland said. 'We're going to be okay."

Next year's budget comes with some positive and negative aspects.

"We were able to keep over \$1 million for temporary faculty," Leland said. "Unfortunately, there's no money in the budget for merit increases and that means for the third year now faculty and staff will not get an increase and that's tough."

"All in all, we're grateful for the help students have given us with the tuition increase and fees because without that we couldn't keep

those faculty," Leland said.

According to Leland, Georgia College will receive 50 percent of the funding needed for the Ennis Hall renovations. Ennis Hall will be renovated to be the future home for the Depart-

'Since it's a renovation we can go ahead and do 50 percent of the renovations. We're very pleased to start (restoring Ennis Hall)," Leland said. "It's also good for Milledgeville. It allows a continual flow of capital dollars into the community."

The funding still needs to be approved by Gov. Nathan Deal before it can begin, Leland

Leland also said Georgia College will be looking for ways to cut costs by improving processes around campus.

"At the beginning of the Fall semester I'm going to ask the university community to identify processes that are good to improve," Leland said. "We'll take a few of those to increase efficiency and decrease costs. I think out of that will emerge some ideas we haven't thought of."

Despite additional cuts and belt tightening next year, Leland remains hopeful that the

"I'm convinced that next year will be the last of the really adverse fiscal times," Leland said. "After that we should start seeing very modest increases to our budget."

#### Student fees increase due to budget cuts

- 3 percent budget cut increase this year, totalling a 9 percent budget cut overall
- 85 percent increase in Georgia College expenses
- \$2 parking fee increase
- \$50 Wellness Center fee increase
- \$100 special student fee increase (from \$150 to

# Credit card fraud cases remain open

CHELSEA THOMAS SENIOR REPORTER

Public Safety continues their pursuit of the debit card fraud suspects after 105 cases were reported between early February and late March. Currently, there are strong leads and connections between 20 of the reported frauds, but no arrests have been made.

Beginning Feb. 5, Georgia College students and faculty began notifying the Public Safety to report financial transaction card fraud. Victims noticed false transactions being accounted for on their bank accounts, although they still had their own card in their possession. Many of the transactions were made in and around metro Atlanta in stores and restaurants, such as Red Lobster and IHOP.

Now, after weeks of seeking video footage of the perpetrators using the card numbers in store transactions, Detective Michael Baker believes they are getting closer, but still have a lot of work to do.

"All I have are the end-users of the cards," Baker said. "Whether or not they are directly involved in the duplication of these cards we don't know until we talk to them. We just have to climb that ladder till we get to the top.'

The Secret Service originally teamed up with Public Safety to track the ringleader believed to be selling the debit card numbers. Since that time the Milledgeville Police Department had a check fraud scheme that required the Secret Service's attention.

Baker believes a lot of progress will be made on the investigation this summer when the department is less busy. He does not want to rush any arrests and knows there are still several people that must be interviewed who may provide new leads.

"If we want to make a good case we have to make sure we get all our ducks in a row. We don't want to jump the gun in this situation because we know everyone wants these people apprehended," Baker said. "It's not going to do us any good if we can't stick a charge on them."

One student, who was a victim of debit card fraud, Julia Borland, a junior exercise science major, was alerted to fraudulent charges on Feb.

However, her bank worked with her and she

was soon refunded. Borland is content with the work Public Safety has been doing.

"I feel like they have been doing a good job," Borland said. "Honestly, it's not surprising they haven't arrested anyone since there are so many theories to research. It's hard to pin someone down and I feel like they are doing all that they

Baker recognizes that this investigation can be "like a cat-and-mouse game."

'We are going to investigate this to the end,' Baker said. "We definitely have charges that we can bring upon people right now, but we are not satisfied with just charging these people with using the stolen credit card information. We want to be able to charge somebody for duplicating credit cards."

# City Council discusses downtown housing

REBECCA BURNS SENIOR REPORTER

Downtown Milledgeville may see the addition of more housing options, after last Tuesday's City Council meeting. While the city currently only allows loft apartments with up to two bedrooms, the proposed changes would give business owners considerably more flexibility to convert upstairs and even ground floor levels into apartments.

If passed, the city housing ordinance would allow three bedroom loft apartments, ground floor apartments and basement apartments. According to City Councilman Steve Chambers, these changes, however, would not come without restrictions.

"There are certain things you have to have," Chambers said. "You not only have to have the square footage but you have to have available parking. What we didn't want to happen is that you have people living downtown and they park on the street and that takes up an already shortage of parking spaces."

While there are square feet minimums, entrance specifications and off-street parking requirements for apartments on any level, the main stipulation lies with the ground floor residences. The apartments must not exceed 40 per-



The Belk building downtown is currently unoccupied and limited in use due to its large size. If City Council passes the newly proposed city housing ordinance, the Belk building will most likely be the first downtown

building to transition into apartment, according to Milledgeville Mainstreet. cent of the total square footage on the ground floor and the first 60 feet from the front door of the building must be committed to commercial

purposes.

There are no restrictions on how many apartments a building can have, but any that have

more than nine bedrooms and/or occupy two or more floors are required to establish a centralized trash collection point.

As long as retail remains the focus of downtown and at the front of the buildings downtown, Chambers approves of the proposed changes.

"To me that's no different than anything done in the 1700s, 1800s, 1900s on up to the 1950s or 60s where you had store owners that lived on the property," said Chambers. "They either lived behind or they lived above.'

According to Director of Milledgeville Mainstreet Carlee Schulte, downtown residents will only improve downtown's economy.

"I think it will be great because we will have 24-hour living, so that means more people downtown, more people buying lunch downtown," Schulte said.

Several loft apartments already exist downtown and there are plans for more including the old Belk building next to Digital Bridges.

'(The Belk building) will probably be the first project that we will see come to light that is going on downtown that is going to (have apartments on) the ground floor behind the retail space, upstairs and in the basement,"

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# Counterfeit money found on campus

KATELYN HEBERT SENIOR REPORTER

Georgia College has seen its first-ever case of counterfeit money at the Business Office as of April 14 when \$200 worth of the bleached bills were intercepted, according to Public Safety.

In addition, \$200 in counterfeit money was also confiscated by Milledgeville Police Department and was later determined to be passed by the same person.

This brings the total amount of the counterfeit bills to around \$1,300 since the beginning of the year.

"We had two (counterfeit bills that) turned up through the Business Office, same day, same person," said Interim Chief Major Joe Grant.

Public Safety has already apprehended the culprit—a high school senior from metro At-

lanta who was visiting a friend at Georgia Col-

"He accidentally sold some tickets on the sidewalk in Atlanta, Ga.," said Public Safety Chief Detective Robert Butler. "And the scalper gave him the \$100s; he sold four tickets for 75 bucks a piece. That's common up there, just about the majority of (counterfeit bills) are going to be coming out of Atlanta."

The four bills, similar to the ones found circulating over a month ago in Milledgeville, were originally \$5, which had been bleached and printed to look like \$100s.

The money was intercepted after a student had paid fines for damages he had caused at Wells Hall. He paid the fine to the Business Office and then later paid a parking ticket to MPD, with the four fake \$100s.

"I think that's the first time our Business Of- terfeit money was discovered.

fice has ever had one though, it got caught at the bank," Grant said. "All (the Business Office) did was the pen test."

The bank caught the bills after they were entered as \$100s and the machines read them as \$5s, so they were rejected.

There is no law against possession of counterfeit money, the only illegal action is passing the money, but Public Safety said the student's story checks out.

They department is asking the student to repay the money and MPD will determine what to do after Public Safety handles it on their end.

"It's hard to say whether or not he's going to be charged," said MPD Chief of Detectives Captain Dray Swicord. "If he pays the money back, as far as I'm concerned, it'll wash out."

A few weeks ago, another instance of coun-

Three \$1 bills were intercepted at Golden Pantry, which was out of the norm according to Swicord

to Swicord.

"If someone is going to copy money or go through the trouble to do it, usually it's going to

be some high denomination," Swicord said.

Public Safety said they will be using one of

the bills for training purposes.

"If you look at it, it's easy to tell, that's what we tell people," Swicord said. "If people (look at them closely), you're not going to see them

as much."

MPD said many fast food restaurants are not accepting larger bills to avoid the counterfeiting problem.

"With today's computers and printers it's just going to be something we're going to have to deal with," Swicord said.

# At a Glance: Counterfeit Money Timeline March—The public was warned of counterfeit bills. April 14—Georgia College sees first ever case of counterfeit money. Early April—Golden Pantry intercepted counterfeit bills.

## Thunder Crew seeks to improve student section

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

The rapidly growing Thunder Crew is looking to expand its presence around campus. The group is seeking a budget of \$28,000 from the Student Activities Budget Committee to make improvements to the student section as a whole

Thunder Crew President Patrick Gamble proposed the budget, the bulk of which would fund a student lounge in the Centennial Center that would be used during basketball games. The budget is subject to approval by the SABC.

"We've had tremendous growth this past year as an organization, and we want to continue to enhance that going into next year," Gamble said. Gamble asked for \$16,500 to help fund the student lounge, the main-ticket item of the renovations and improvements. The proposed lounge would take up the space behind the student section, which is currently only used for racquetball and is closed off during games. It would closely resemble The DEN, Georgia College's student lounge, and Gamble said it wouldn't be unlike the Atlanta Braves' 755

Club at Turner Field.

"You would walk in and all the lights will be off, and there will be hanging lights from the ceiling," Gamble said. "You'll have a few high-top tables for food, and there will be a private concession stand with free food for all students who are in the student section. It will be decorated with couches from Ikea."

The lounge will also contain features designed to help keep students in the game at-

mosphere.

"We will have two 45-inch flat screen televisions that will broadcast live game footage," Gamble said. "So if you want to step out of the stands and go get a drink or something, you'll be able to stay connected and also listening to it."

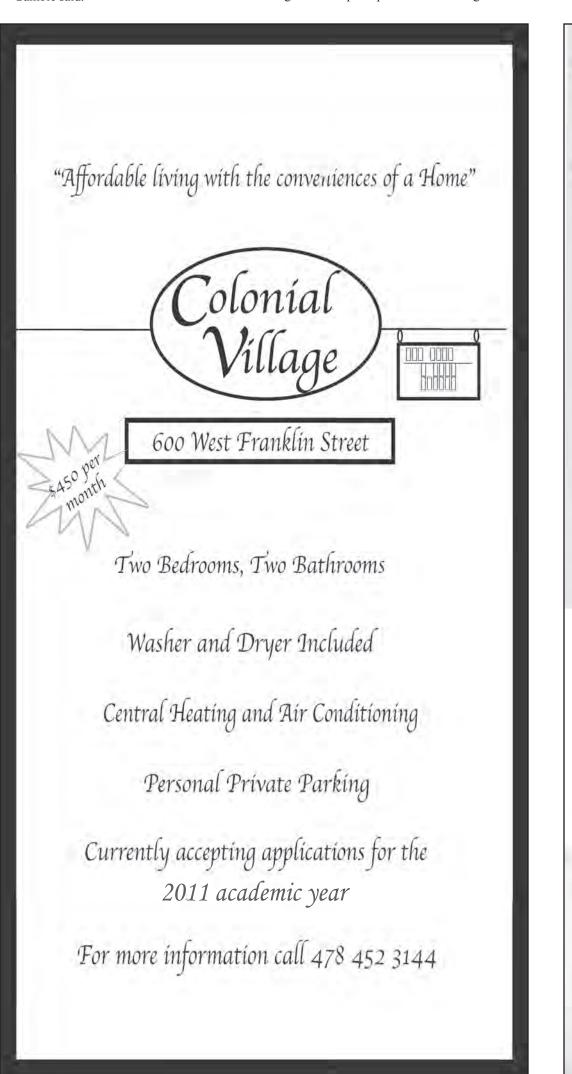
Furthermore, the lounge will provide students with relics from Georgia College's athletic history.

"There will be different jerseys from the past on the wall. People know a lot about sports on our campus, but not necessarily our numbers," Gamble said. "So we want to get some stuff from past Hall of Famers, so the students will be more connected."

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### Thunder Crew budget breakdown

- Seeking \$28,000 from SABC
- \$16,500 designated to fund student lounge (lights, concession stand, Ikea couches, two 45-inch flat screen televisions)
- Left over funds allocated for game merchandise and other items for students





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## RSA Finale marks end of semester

Mariah Dantzler STAFF WRITER

The third annual Resident Student Association Finale event took place April 27 in the courtyard between Foundation and Parkhurst

The anticipation was high this year; not only was the Thunder Cup given away, but the first ever Study Bucks Auction was held. Study Bucks is a program put on by the National Residence Hall Honorary in order to encourage students to participate in programs the Community Advisors put on as well as study in their resi-

Prizes such as an iPod touch, flip camera and 37-inch flat screen television were auctioned and could be bought by students who had earned study bucks.

"I have accumulated a lot of study bucks and I'm ready for some prizes," said Mackenzie Vasina resident of Foundation Hall and freshman undeclared major.

The finale RSA event is open to anyone, but it targets the students living in the residence halls. Students came out to relax on the lawn while enjoying some free food as well as live

The winner of the Thunder Cup is the hall or building that wins the most areas of competition: academic, wellness, campus involvement,

intramural, service, fine arts, athletics, on-campus involvement, community involvement and eco-awareness. However, the hall or building that wins in each area receives \$100 that will go toward their hall the following year.

'This year's competition was a lot closer than last year's," said Justin Stubbs RSA member and senior special education major, "with six halls or buildings winning in at least one area of competition, compared to last year's four."

The winner of the last area of competition, the eco-awareness area, was determined through the Thunder Cup Recycling Competition. This area of competition also determined which hall or building became the ultimate Thunder Cup

Village Building 6 took home the win, coming in first in the eco-awareness area of competition as well as the winning the Thunder Cup.

Building 6 blew away the competition, recycling 459 cans and bottles. The next closest number recycled was 250 cans and bottles by Foundation Hall," Stubbs said.

"I got to meet a lot of people in my dorm by studying in the community rooms and I even got handed study bucks while doing so," said Kelsey Minor, resident of Bell Hall.

when the students come out and just have a great time," RSA president and sophomore marketing major Melissa Reynolds said.

What makes Finale the most successful is Sophomore biology major Emerson Stephens, right, participates in the RSA Finale Study Bucks Auction. Stephens come out and just have a great phens combined study bucks with other residents of Adams Hall to win a 37-inch flat screen television. Students dents used their study bucks to bid on various items provided by the Resident Student Association.

# Theta Chi becomes chartered fraternity

KEVIN HALL STAFF REPORTER

On April 19, Theta Chi became a chartered fraternity at Georgia College.

"(We started) as just eight guys hanging out in my Village apartment to an established chapter with 47 members," said Theta Chi President and junior mass communication major Joe Longoria. "The whole experience has been pretty ridiculous.'

Theta Chi took different route to becoming an official chartered fraternity than other chap-

"We became official with the help of a national representative," Longoria said. "We were kind of unique though because we went to them to get started rather than them come to us."

According to Longoria, they had an initial

"(We started) as just eight guys hanging out in my Village apartment to an established chapter with 47 members."

> Joe Longoria, Theta Chi President

group of around 10. Theta Chi nationals sent what is known as an Expansion Coordinator in Spring 2010. By the time the Expansion Coordinator left, they had an interest group of around 20. At the start of Fall 2010, they had six drop for various reasons, but they recruited 11 more over the course of the semester.

This spring they participated in their first formal recruitment and gained 11 more members. At the beginning of April they gave out seven more informal bids, at which point they petitioned the Theta Chi national headquarters for installation. By early April, they had 47 members, which surpassed the number needed to become an official chapter at 45 members.

"The one main difference between us and other fraternities (on campus) is no one fits a certain mold," said Theta Chi Vice President and junior rhetoric major Michael McCarthy. "I think that diversity helped us get this done so quickly."

"Our numbers are a standard to up-and-

are not worried about just adding more people for the sake of having more members

"Having large numbers isn't a big deal," Mc-Carthy said. "It's quality over quantity. We just want future recruiting classes to be on par with our recruitment standards.

Theta Chi Public Relations Chairman and junior accounting major Matt Williams shares the same sentiments.

"We would like to expand our numbers, but we still want to get a good group of guys coming in," Williams said. "Our motto is to extend a helping hand and we want guys that can do

The brothers at Theta Chi feel like they stray from the pack when it comes to other fraternities on campus.





# Foundation, Wells report 25 incidents

Katelyn Hebert SENIOR REPORTER

A fire alarm going off may not be the ideal morning wake-up call, but for students living in The Village Building 5, this situation has already occurred 25 times since August, according to Public Safety.

The department keeps track of all calls ranging from incidents such as fire alarms to underage drinking.

Although all calls go through dispatch and require Public Safety's assistance, not all are written as reports.

The most common calls Public Safety gets, in regards to the residence halls and The Village, are alarms.

We get calls to all of (the buildings)," said Interim Chief Major Joe Grant. "Because of the fact that you have the kitchens at The Village, more of our calls out there are going to be alarm related. (However,) The Village has been fairly quiet this year, except for maybe the alarm calls '

Chief Detective Robert Butler relates these common occurrences to the sensitive detectors that are located above the stoves in the apartments.

Not including the alarm-related calls, Foundation and Wells halls both sit at 25 calls a piece to Public Safety as of April 20. Wells Hall has had the same amount of calls despite having fewer residents than Foundation Hall.

Wells, Foundation and Parkhurst had a lot of vandalism incidents going on all through the year so they probably had a few more calls over there," Grant said.

Calls where disciplinary actions had to be taken by Public Safety occurred in both Wells and Foundation halls six times over the course of the year. Both also have four records of drug calls that occurred in the halls.

"Our calls for service are everywhere," Grant said. "We get them to go to the parking lots to unlock cars, to jump off cars, we get a lot of times to go open up buildings and different things on main campus too.'

Village Building 6 has the highest rate of larceny and theft, and both Foundation Hall and Village Building 4 had one sexual offense call.

Sanford Hall also had an instance of terroristic threats.

"Most likely it was a boyfriend-girlfriend kind of

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LAUREN DAVIDSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Large blue bows on campus promote the Class Challenge Campaign—a student-run giving campaign that is designed to establish a sense of philanthropy among the student body. Graduating students are encouraged to part with a gift to campus, such as \$20.11 to represent their 2011 graduation year. They can designate where their gifts can go, whether it is to their major, scholarships, athletics, theatre, etc.

Lofts

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Schulte said. "I think it is a great thing to be done for that building especially because it is a monstrosity of a building and in these economic times you aren't going to get another Belks downtown.'

In addition to finally giving a use to the building that was previously limited in use by its shear size, the transformation into apartments will greatly improve the facade, benefiting the entire downtown area.

Other projects that are

in the works include the Bishop Company building at the corner of Hancock and Wayne streets, which is slated for mixed use, lofts upstairs and commercial use on the ground floor. Two additional floors might also be added above the Baldwin Bulletin, Mc-Millin's Shoe Repair and Ultra Force Security Dish Satellite store for loft apart-

The proposed ordinance is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission before returning to City Council May 10.

#### Theta Chi

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"Each one of the brothers got here in a different way," Longoria said. "We are so diverse, so you can't stereotype us at all.'

They also want people to know they aren't resistant to non-mem-

"We don't care if we are hanging out and someone brings over people that aren't initiated." Longoria said. "I guess the best way to put it is we are open-minded.

They also want to build a sense of community within the Greek system on campus.

"We just want to strengthen things inter-fraternally and Greek life in general on campus," Williams said.

Other members echo that same sentiment as well.

The main thing I want people to know is we want to make campus as more of one Greek organization rather than separate fraternities, McCarthy said.

Despite the hard work and some of the difficulty faced by the founding members, they wouldn't have it any other way.

"I joined because they have a lot of guys that I could relate to and become good friends with," Williams

Longoria feels glad that he did go through the whole process of starting up Theta Chi from the ground up along with the help of people like McCarthy and Williams.

There is no way I would have met most of these people otherwise," Longoria said.

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Gamble added that there will be key events for Bobcat fans to look forward to, such as the return of the "Battle of the Cats," the rivalry game between Georgia College and Augusta State University. The hype behind the game lead to the Bobcats men's basketball team upsetting No. 7 Augusta State, 73-69--the two teams will once again play at Georgia College next season. The student attendance for that game earned the Thunder Crew an NCAA Spirit Award nomina-

"We want to continue to build that up as well as tailgating," Gamble said. "We want to look into more game environment merchandise. We're known for giving out free T-shirts, free hand towels and stuff. We want to take that to the next level and get more sponsorships. We want to take everything from last year and build a humongous student section to where every game, it's full blown."

Gamble is aware that \$28,000 is a hefty investment, but he said it will be a strong benefit to the student population.

"If anything, there's a lot of things on campus that make an impact on students. The Thunder Crew is really one of those things that really involves every student," Gamble said. "Our organization is really open. You're automatically a member as a student. Every single student on this campus can have the opportunity to be a part of the student section.

Gamble said in addition to the 47 percent in-

"Our organization is really open. You're automatically a member as a student."

> Patrick Gamble, Thunder Crew President

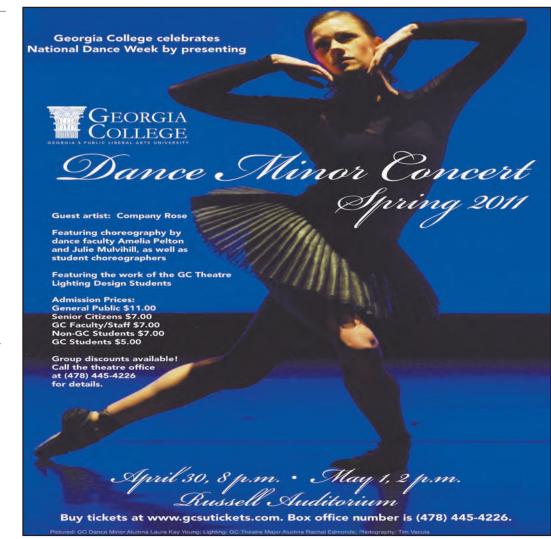
crease of student attendance at basketball games last season, he thinks the addition of the new lounge and other items will benefit all Georgia College sports.

One new potential addition is a Thunder Crew swipe card similar to the student Bobcat Cards with sponsors on the back.

"This would be an all-sports pass where you could get deals from the sponsors," Gamble said. "You would swipe into the games and rack up points, and whoever has the top number of points at the end of a season gets a prize.'

Athletic Director Wendell Staton has lent his support to Gamble and the Thunder Crew.

They were instrumental in helping purchase those banners last year. We have been able to put our brand out there and change the culture and identity of the Centennial Center," Staton "We are always appreciative of any student group that wants to help out. Pat has some good ideas, and the Thunder Crew has done a great job of really adding the spirit environment to the games."



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part of the graduating class and Pi Kappa Pi is asked to speak. This year that honor goes to Melanie Wooten, a senior biology

#### 2011 Ceremonies and Beyond

While neither Anderson nor Allen foresee the cost of graduation skyrocketing in the near future, costs will continue to rise as the graduating classes increase in size. Last year, 1,039 undergraduate students and 476 graduate students participated in the graduation ceremonies. This year the total number of students participating has jumped by over 200 students with 1,222 undergraduates and 516 graduates.

"The only things that are really increasing our costs is that we are very thankfully graduating more students," Anderson said. 'We try to be very conservative in what we spend and very responsible in what we

The main expenses that will be increasing due to the growing number of students participating in the two ceremonies are programs and chairs. As the graduating classes grow, other changes beside the budget might be made to accommodate a larger amount of students, according to Berg, who serves on the Commencement Task Force Committee.

"Our committee in general is looking

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> Kay Anderson, Registrar

future if the size of the graduating class

process and has not yet considered how to a morning and afternoon session would influence the budget.

Overall, the cost of graduation is expected to remain fairly stable with minute, gradual increases.

set for some time."

#### **Calls** Continued from page 6...

thing," Grant said. "The call could come in as a terroristic threat and it's just a misunderstanding."

For students interested in a drama-free hall, Napier Hall has the lowest record of incidents this semester with Village Building 2 following closely behind.

However, Grant and Butler stress these trends change each year.

"If you take the same stats next year it may be completely different," Grant said.

According to Public Safety, since the cameras were installed on campus incidents in the residence halls and at The Village have decreased immensely.

at making changes to the actual ceremony and different proceedings within the ceremony and possibly splitting it up in the

continues to grow," Berg said. Anderson, who is leading the committee, emphasizes that the committee is still in the beginning of the decision-making splitting the undergraduate ceremony in

"It is the same amount typically and if we see that costs are continuing to rise in some areas we'll have to as we start to build the budget take that into consideration," Allen said. "That budget has been

"I think the residents know that if they are going to do something that's going to be borderline, there's a good possibility that we're going to be able to track it back to them because of the cameras," Butler said. "Since we installed cameras at all the entrances and exits, we haven't had nearly the problems. They are deterrents."

Regardless of whether it was burnt popcorn or a fight has broken out, Public Safety responds to all of these calls.

"The calls at the residence halls you want to take very seriously, because of the people that are out there," Grant said. "Like these alarms, we answer those and respond to those 10-18, which is an emergency, meaning blue lights and sirens. You have to take the mindset that every time you answer a call, it's probably the real thing, it's what you're expecting.'

#### Attendance Continued from page 2...

take role in all of my classes, but it's very important for the students to be there to really understand the material."

Jennifer Flory, director of choral activities, directs the various choirs on campus and says that attendance is the most essential part of her classes.

'It definitely is the most critical. Participation is the basis for a good grade," Flory said. "You have to be present to participate, and so I keep a pretty straight-forward attendance policy of only a couple without medical documentation or university excuses. But most of the students who are in chorus want to be there."

Junior history major Rebecca Woods said she believes strongly in attending classes.

"The original policy never really affected me. I hate to miss class, so even if there is no attendance policy, I try my best not to miss," Woods said.

She added that regardless of policy, students tend to do better when they attend class.

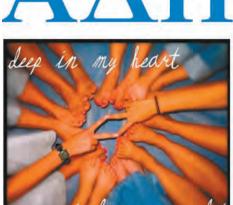
"Most of my classes have a pretty straightforward policy. If you miss two or three classes, your grade drops," Woods said. "I've noticed the same thing in my classes that don't have one. If you don't come to class, your grade suffers. There's a definite correlation.'

Senior psychology major Kim Love takes

the same basic approach.

"I've never had a problem with being dropped from a class because of excessive absences," Love said. "I think attendance is important if you want to be successful in class. It is really hard to keep up with the material and know what professors expect if you constantly

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#### LETTER FROM THE **E**DITOR

Goodbye Colonnade, thanks for the memories



Matt CHAMBERS

There are only a few moments in your life when you realize things will never be the same—this is one of those times

No longer will I spend Wednesday nights hidden away in a concrete bunker under the dining hall. No longer will I answer texts and phone calls from writers at ungodly hours. No longer will I be Editor-in-Chief of The Colonnade.

When I inherited the paper last semester, I honestly had no idea if I would crash and burn or if I would even enjoy being the head honcho.

I started off at the paper being shoved into a Colonnade meeting and meekly volunteering for a story. Two short years later and I'm writing a signoff column. It's amazing how much can happen in such a little time.

During this past year I have faced many trials, but I have also been rewarded with many triumphs. I've made some enemies, but I've also made friends I will keep for life.

With 23 Wednesday nights (24 after this one) under our belts, The Colonnade staff has become my family. Katelyn Hebert, the News Editor, has taught me how to be a better person both when dealing with others, as well as the environment. Mandy Boddy, the Features Editor, has shown me how to stop and smell the roses—or look at videos of giraffes.Scotty Thompson, the Sports Editor, has continuously shocked me with his work ethic, loyalty and dedication to The Colonnade and his friends.

Drake Simons, the Photo Editor, has shared numerous stories of his life stories I will remember long after my diploma's ink fades. Rebecca Burns, the Designer, has amazed me with the things she's able to quickly and beautifully create under pressure. Claire Childs, the Ad Manager, has constantly been my devil's advocate and, at the same time, biggest supporter.

When I walk out of this newsroom night it will be the end of my collegenewspaper career. I'm proud of what I've done this year, and I wouldn't trade my experiences for anything in the world. Working for The Colonnade has been an experience, a struggle, andves-even a blast.

I leave you in extremely capable hands. My successor, Bobbi Otis, will lead The Colonnade to even more success next year. Bobbi emerged out of practically nowhere and worked harder than anyone else to prove herself. She has a drive that I haven't seen in anyone that's ever worked for the paper. I personally promise you that she will work vigilantly to bring you the best campus coverage.

I also leave you with an experienced staff, many who have been at The Col-

onnade for at least a year. As this chapter of my life closes, I want to thank you—the reader—for al-

ways being there. I always smile when I pass someone laughing at the Public Safety Reports or arguing with a friend over a controversial article.

I am so proud of what I—WE—have done this year at The Colonnade.

I am so thankful for the opportunities and memories of this year.

The Colonnade has been my life, my home, my family and I wouldn't trade it for the world.

> Sincerely Matt Chambers

### Have a fun, safe summer



STEVE Holbert

Free at last. Free at last. Thank Flannery we're free at last. Or until we return in the fall with freshmen who overestimate their drinking tolerance. As we Bobcats roam our separate ways for the next three months, let's carry the lessons learned this semester into our summer fun.

If summer plans include going home to mom and dad, carry valuable dorm lifestyle tricks back to your hometown. If mother goes through your personal belongings without asking, do not hesitate to leave a passive aggressive note on the fridge or atop a pile of dirty dishes, because after five months of living in complete filth, why would a student suddenly have the desire to clean? When there are no late night HBO specials to watch with the folks, see how long a friend or small domestic animal can live in the shower before dad demands more rent or helps the cat mysteriously run away to the circus.

If mom and dad's house is unavailable, because while their only child was away they replaced him or her with a drunken relative or tax-deductable foster child, use your collegiate money saving skills to keep your personal apartment utility cost down. When temperatures rise so does the cost of air conditioning,

but thanks to the new HOPE standards, students can't afford to learn and be comfortable. However, busting out windows with a baseball bat to allow a constant breeze is both a great stress reliever and cost effective. But with summer heat comes perspiration, and peers who refuse to shower in the winter because of high water prices and sloth can no longer sneak under the radar. However, public fountains, local sprinklers and even professor's pool parties are excellent ways to trade body odor for that fresh chlorine smell, and Great Value body washes can easily pass for a sunscreen.

However, if summer is a time of more core classes instead of vacations, a lifestyle change is not necessary. With fewer classes, there is even more time to procrastinate, and with fewer students in the classroom, skipping class for a lake day, though more detectable, is exceptionally enticing. The scorching sun will make getting out of bed after a productive night of testing one's liver capacity much easier, and after a semester of sleepless nights and spinning innumerable plates, nothing makes summer great like drawing pictures of yourself frolicking on the beach during a three

Let's apply our feline knowledge and make the best of our precious summer time, and party in a safe fashion because after three years of clawing to the top and jumping through flaming hoops for a future of unemployment, dying without a diploma would be a nightmare. An expensive nightmare.

Milledgeville cops should not be waiting outside of bars to arrest people. They should be outside apartment complexes ensuring everyone a safe walk home. serve and PROTECT.

Why the hell do we need 80 new iPads? Generation 2 for that matter. Niskanen's Budget maximizing theory at work. Redistribute funds, Technology Student board, peas.

Can housing please get organized? First you say we Maymester students are staying in Napier. Then, without even an email notifying us, I find out from someone that we are staying in Wells.

I think that we should teach queer studies like an actual liberal arts university. The gay movement is happening, regardless of if Georgia pretends it isn't. We teach sociology here, offer a major in it, but ignore one of the most relevant parts of it. The climate itself around the movement is sociology, even people that don't like it. Its a laughable degree option without any courses on this subject.

To the person who called Senator Parker "spineless":

At least Senator Parker has the testicular fortitude to stand behind his beliefs with a face and a name to go along with his statements.Anyone can try to bring down a person through a school newspaper anonymously. It takes a real man or woman to put a name with those comments. Obviously you know nothing of holding an office because you don't vote how you personal feel. Your vote depends on the constituents, which in this case is the students. Having talked with Jay on many occasions about upcoming votes and issues, he has never wanted anything more than what is in the best interest of the student body. So I believe it is you that is spineless. To prove that I am not, my name is Matt and if you know Jay at all, you will know who I am and how to find me if you would like to continue this conversation.

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#### **PlayStation Network problems**



**A**LEX

So as all of you PlayStation 3 and PlayStation Portable owners know, since last week, PlayStation Network has been down. Through the weekend, no one could get their "Call of Duty" fix, or any other game with online play. This may have come at the best time for us college students though, as we don't need any more distractions while finals week is coming up. Although, I still managed to distract myself and not complete the majority of my work this weekend, even without "Black Ops" calling my name. However, for some players like those who bought the newly released "SOCOM 4," which is heavily dependent on the online component, this shutdown couldn't have come at a worse time.

Blogs and forums are blowing up with PSN users claiming that we should be given some sort of compensation for our inconvenience. Most say we should get a free game, which in my opinion would be awesome since games now cost \$60 brand new. However, I highly doubt that Sony will give out anything to anyone. After all, PSN is a free service (the main reason I bought the system in the first place). The only people deserving of compensation should be

those paying for PSN+, the premium version of PSN. Some other PlayStation 3 owners claim that we paid for the "free" service of PSN when we paid the higher price, in comparison to the Xbox 360 and Wii, for the system.

And of course, the PSN shutdown has given the Xbox fanboys something to brag about, perpetuating the PSN vs. Xbox LIVE debate. They fail to realize though that PSN is still a free service! We don't have to pay an extra \$50 per year to play! Still, this shutdown is quite embarrassing for Sony and Play-Station owners.

My main concern is the security of my personal information that may have been compromised during the alleged "external intrusion," which caused the shutdown. Hopefully no identity theft or credit card theft happened. Perhaps it will serve as a lesson for Sony to beef up the security on PSN, which is in fact what Sony claims they are doing during this shutdown.

For my readers, thanks for reading! This will be my last column, finishing just how I started: on video games. Sadly, I will be graduating and will not be able to continue my column. However, if any of you want to begin writing a column, feel free to contact The Colonnade office. They will happily get you in on the action; they are always in need of columnists and writers.

"What was your favorite event on campus this year and why?"



"Dog Sees God' play. The play could have been controversial, but the cast played it extremely well. Tarver Betchel, freshman political science

"Steel Magnolias'- admiral and beautiful portrayal of the movie." Lindsey Hodge, freshman nursing major





"Earthfest. It was nice getting to see students get together and raise awareness for something so important." Kelsea Luce, sophomore history major

"COLLAB. for AWARENESS, Lauren Sleat's art exhibit. It touched on a topic that people tend to stray away from." Tyler Rawlings, junior community health





"Greek tug. You saw all of the different Greek organization's intensity and team-Whitney Schwartz, freshman marketing

Jessica Milo Pre-Mass Communication sophomore

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Letter to the Editor: Egg Advertisement out of Place

The advertisement regarding egg donations completely caught me off

ment would be displayed in our local school newspaper. I understand

how many women are really willing to go to the extent of selling their

eggs? Are Georgia College female students really the right target au-

dience for an advertisement about egg donations? I'm just looking for

a reason as to why the Colonnade continues to feature this advertise-

ment when it just seems extremely out of place among the other ads.

guard when I first saw it. I'm puzzled as to why such an advertise-

that college students don't have the most money in the world, but

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### How to plan the perfect road trip



**Lindsay Shoemake** 

- Pick a destination after researching a couple of options. Do you want to see the beach, the mountains or explore a metropolitan area?
- Plan fun and memorable activities to partake in with friends once you reach your destination. Although sightseeing and group tours are great options, sometimes the authentic culture of a city is found off the beaten path.
- Set a budget for the trip with your friends and agree to stick to it. After setting your budget, have each friend chip in an equal amount of money to pay for essentials like gas and rooming accommodations so any extra money can be spent on souvenirs and activities.
- Be sure to pack lightly and bring along summer road tripping essentials like a map or GPS, cell phone and emergency contact numbers.
- To guarantee that your travel experience is the most memorable, bring along a camera to snap pictures of you and your friends' grand adventures every step of the way.
- Most importantly, drive safely and plan on making the most of your summer road trip. Although long hours in a car may seem unbearable, the long hours spent with friends can be some of the best spent in a lifetime.

#### **Street Style**

Fashion in Milledgeville

Annie Harvey, junior art major

Q: What are you wearing?

A: It's a romper from Delia's

Q: Who is your style icon?

A: Lauren Conrad

Q: Describe your style in five words or less

A: Classy, simple, colorful, girly, trendy.

#### Crossword

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#### Albums to check out this summer

KEVIN HALL REVIEWER

May 3 "Hot Sauce Committee, Pt. 2" Beastie Boys

May 24 "Pala" Friendly Fires

June 6 "Suck It and See" Arctic Monkeys

May 10 "Simple Math" Manchester Orchestra

May 31 "Codes and Keys" Death Cab for Cutie

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# Community

#### 1 IDENTITY CONFUSION

April 22 at 3:07 a.m. Officer Denna was flagged down by three males in front of Milledgeville City Hall, according to Public Safety. The three males advised the officer that a male was following them and had asked them to buy him food at the Golden Pantry. The three males said no to the man's request. Contact was made with the male who had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. Officer Denna asked him if he had any identification and he did not, but he verbally stated his name. Dispatch advised they were unable to get his information to come back through GCIC. Officer Denna then attempted to get correct identification. The male gave Officer Denna three different dates of birth, all which failed to come back through GCIC. When explaining to him that his information was not coming back, the male became boisterous and used profane and unbecoming language. Officer Denna placed him under arrest for public drunkenness and he was transported to the Milledgeville Police Station where he was held until he could be properly identified. Later, the Milledgeville Police Department notified Officer Denna of the male's real identification. Officer Denna secured two state warrants for public drunkenness and giving a false name to officers.

#### Lost Treasure

April 25 at 8:16 p.m. A female came to the Georgia College Police Department to report that she had lost a platinum tennis bracelet, according to Public Safety. The female told Sgt. Reonas that she had revisited various locations in an attempt to find the bracelet but had not had any luck. The female described the bracelet as an heirloom piece that had belonged to her grandmother. She said it was silver platinum with 14.41 carats of diamonds in it. The approximate value of the bracelet is \$30,000. The female advised Sgt. Reonas that she was going to make up some fliers to place around campus and downtown and that she will also be offering a substantial reward to anybody who finds the bracelet and turns it in. She also filed a report with Milledgeville Police Department.

#### Public Safety Report



**BIRTHDAY BLUES** 

April 20 at 7:20 p.m. Sgt. Reonas responded to the parking lot behind Foundation Hall in reference to a disturbance at that location, according to Public Safety. The male complainant advised dispatch that he had observed a male and a female in a white SUV arguing violently. The complainant said that when he confronted the male subject, he attacked him, and that the female currently had him locked out of the car and he was still on the scene trying to get back in. Upon arrival, Sgt. Reonas located the vehicle and saw the male subject standing outside the car screaming and trying to open the door as the female tried to back out of the parking spot. Sgt. Reonas ordered the male subject to place his hands behind his back and he complied, at which time Sgt. Reonas detained him pending further investigation. After detaining the subject, Sgt. Reonas made contact with the initial male complainant, who told him that while walking across the parking lot to his car he had observed the male and the female as the female was screaming hysterically for the male to get out of the car. He told Sgt. Reonas that even after getting some distance from the car he could still hear screaming so he went back to the car and attempted to confront the male subject. Upon doing so, the male subject began swinging at the compliant, striking him several times in the face, biting him and breaking skin. The compliant eventually restrained the male subject with a headlock. A male witness confirmed the compliant's story. Finally, Sgt. Reonas made contact with the female who advised him that her and the male had gotten into an argument because it was her birthday and he was acting like he did not care. She said that she was more or less trying to break up with him and that he became belligerent. She told him repeatedly to get out of the car but he refused. A state warrant was secured charging the male subject with one count of battery.

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

#### 3 BAD SUSHI

April 23 at 12:32 a.m. Officer Ransom observed a male vomiting in a trash can by the entrance of the Golden Pantry on Hancock Street, according to Public Safety. Officer Ransom made contact with the 19-year-old male who was sweating profusely, had slurred speech and had the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. When asked about the cause of his sickness, the male stated that he had eaten sushi and it made him sick. The male stated that he had not consumed any alcoholic beverages. When tested with a breathalyzer, the male registered positive for alcohol in his system with a B.A.C. reading of 0.149 grams. Officer Ransom then placed the male under arrest, transported him to Milledgeville Detention and issued him a citation for underage possession of alcohol.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

Arrest for possession of marijuana

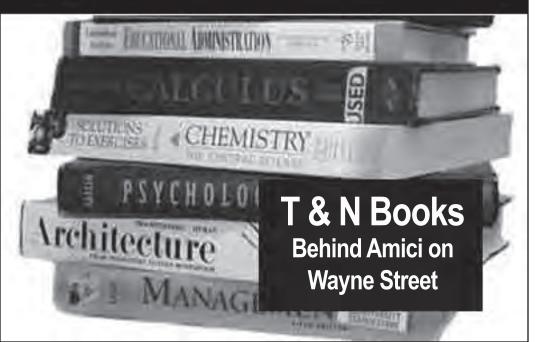
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### **Absence of** concern for Japan crisis

Anna Morris STAFF REPORTER

March 11, 2011: An earthquake with a magnitude of 9.0 hit the eastern coast of Japan destroying the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant and causing a tsunami that produced 30-foot waves. Around 14,300 people are confirmed dead and more than 11,000 people are unaccounted for.

People all over the world are doing something to help Japan, so the big question is this: what is Georgia College doing to help? After the disaster occurred in Haiti, students were quick to aid the fallen country by hosting a benefit concert and dodgeball tournament, but Georgia College students appear to be early silent this time around.

Junior mass communication major Sean Noah, whose father was in Japan when the earthquake hit, tried to think of some reasons why students so far have not taken that initial step in aiding Japan.

"Georgia College has helped with other things, so why not help with Japan?" Noah asked. "Maybe students have found that the situation is out of their hands and they can't do anything about it.'

Junior mass communication major Michelle Mercer, is one of the few students that decided to step forth and take action.

"Global Business Student Leaders Association has recently had sessions for awareness as well as set up a table on campus for donations," Mercer said. "We intend to work towards having awareness events to aid Japan and perhaps find better ways to increase donations around campus. There will definitely be more to come in the future."

Despite Mercer's initiative, students still seem confused about what they can do to help. Places like The GIVE Center normally push students in the right direction when it comes to relief efforts, but so far nothing has been done.

Kendall Stiles, director of The GIVE Center, is open for any ideas that students have about assisting Japan, but she needs students to come to The GIVE Center and inquire.

"What we support is what the students want to do and support," Stiles said. "The GIVE Center is a resource to what students want to do in and for our community. I know that different groups have done different things in the past for disasters and relief efforts, but I'm not sure why no one has done or said anything about Japan."

The media's coverage of Japan could be one reason why students have not felt the need to help. Yuka Takemoto, a senior early childhood education major whose family lives in Tokyo, feels like the media may have put too much emphasis on other things during the time of the disaster.

'Some things get more precedent over the disaster in the media so maybe it didn't seem as big of a deal to people," Takemoto said.

Mercer also feels like the media has a lot to do with students' apathy. The disaster in Japan is not being covered as much as the disaster in Haiti. This may be why so many people felt compelled to help with Haiti but not so much with Japan, according to Mercer.

"Perhaps it is because we know Japan to be such a self-sufficient people, up-to-date on the latest technology, that we don't hear more about it," Mercer said. "Maybe we also assume that they don't need our help due to this idea. I also don't think that we are getting as much on this story due to their distance. Maybe a blind eye is turned when distance is a factor, as if we can pretend they don't exist simply because they are not in sight.'

Mercer believes that since we are all connected in some way, people need to start doing everything they can to help those in need. In some way or another, the earthquake in Japan is affecting every-

"It only takes one hand reaching out to do something great, and we've got over 12,000 of them. As a Georgia College body, we could change the world for Japan," Mercer said.



Anna Morris / Staff Photographer

The Liz Lerman Dance Exchange visted Georgia College from April 17 to April 20. Students and community members were invited to come out and dance. The dance company was founded in September of 1976, and according to their website "has produced more than 100 innovative dance/theatre works...



Anna Morris / Staff Photographer Many of the dancers relied on improvisation for the maiority of their routines.

# Dancing Stars

#### Georgia College students land the opportunity to work with a world-renown dance company

Anna Morris STAFF REPORTER

rawing on various abilities and disabilities, the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange from Washington, D.C., showcases dance styles unlike any other com-

Visiting from April 17 to April 20, the Dance Exchange gave a handful of students a unique experience: the opportunity to dance with them

Dance minors, theatre majors and other Georgia College students as well as members of the Milledgeville community began practicing April 17.

The show's theme was distance and journey, which was brought to life by choreographer and dancer Cassie Meador. One of the defining features of the choreography was improvisation. Junior pre-

engineering major Morris Jones III really enjoyed this feature of the dance.

'The dance is really cool because we first learned the base choreography and then we felt that out so we could make movements to match." Jones explained. "I'm used to improvisation so it wasn't as

challenging for me." The "one to 10" dance was one of the many pieces that exemplified the improvisation aspect of the choreography. This dance involved the student's familiarity with the measurements of the human body and comprehending how that tied in with the theme of the entire show.

"You have to understand the theme that they are trying to get across to understand the dance," Jones said.

Anna Morris / Staff Photographer Christina Spilker, senior biology major, performing in

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### the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange show April 20.

# Phelps reflects on childhood through art



LAUREN DAVDSON/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Phelps held her senior art exhibit reception April 26 at Blackbird Coffee. There she gave a speech on her artwork while allowing her professors and fellow classmakes to ask questions.

KEVIN HALL STAFF REPORTER

For many, receiving the news that you only have a few weeks to live before the age of five can alter your life forever, and for senior art major Elizabeth Phelps, it did just

At the age of four, Phelps was diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma and was only given weeks to live.

Neuroblastoma is a malignant tumor that develops from nerve tissue and occurs in infants and children.

According to the Rhode Island Cancer Council's website, patients with stage four neuroblastoma over the age of one only have

a cure rate of ten to 40 percent. Today, Phelps is 22 years old and is previewing her senior art show, "Hope Lives

On," at Blackbird Café until April 30. Phelps says that she always remembered doing some kind of art throughout child-

"I've always grown up doing art," Phelps said. "I even remember doing some art while

"I have been friends with Elizabeth for a few years and this past summer we went on a study abroad together to Waterford, Ireland. I know the person that she is, the heart she has, and I am inspired by the strength she gives off."

Julia Allen, senior art major

I was in the hospital."

While she has always appreciated and enjoyed doing art, she didn't know if this is what she wanted to do with her life coming

into college. "I came here and originally wanted to be a pre-nursing major," Phelps said. "I was just naïve coming to college. I didn't know what

was out there for an art major."

The strength that Phelps has in order to make it through everything like doctor visits, getting through school and just life in general didn't just come from within.

"When I was in the hospital I was with

my mom all the time since my dad had to work to help pay for all the medical bills," Phelps said Even today, Phelps still needs the help of

"Even though I'm 22, it's still difficult

to handle all my doctors visits without my mom," Phelps said. Her time in the hospital has given her a new sense of what she wants to do with her

life as well. "I want to become a child life specialist after I graduate," Phelps said. "They are there to help people who were like I was. I know how it feels to be in the hospital because I've been there as a child. I can help

them cope." Her friends and teachers know how much

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# potlight: Ways to relieve stress during finals week

- I. Be Prepared! Don't start writing your 15-page research paper the night before it is due. Cramming only makes things worse. As college students, we think we are professional crammers, but cramming for exams can hinder your performance. Study a little each night, and create your Spanish flash cards a week in advance so you can flip through them in your spare time.
- 2. SLEEP! Get as much sleep as possible during finals. Usually sleep isn't on top of the list when it comes to finals week, but it has been proven by some miraculous doctor that you will remember more material when you get a good night's sleep. You also want to have enough energy to celebrate when you are done with all your exams.
- **3.** Eat Healthy and Exercise! This one is a no-brainer. Skip out on all the sugary Monster Energy drinks, which will make you crash, and drink plenty of water. Don't rely on fast food and Fruit Rollups to get you through the day either. Try snacks like granola bars, a PB&J or an apple. Also, try to get some form of exercise. Try walking to campus instead of taking the shuttle.
- **4.** Avoid Stressful People! In case you didn't know, stress is contagious. During finals week, avoid studying with your super-intense friend, especially if she is complaining about her presentation and yanking out her hair. Her stress level will add up to your stress level, which is never a good thing.
- **5.** Take Study Breaks! For every two hours of studying take about a 15 to 20 minute break. Let yourself do whatever you want. Go crazy, turn up the new Katy Perry song, and have a dance party in your study room, but be mindful of those around you, of course.

Sources: University of Detroit Mercy, College Fashion

By: Taylor Seay

### Movie Review: 'Water for Elephants'

RYAN DEL CAMPO REVIEWER

This week I stepped out of my cinematic comfort zone to watch "Water for Elephants." I fully expected the movie to follow a simplistic plot and emphasize the glittery vampire-boy's lack of acting ability and aloof romanticism. I was pleasantly surprised by the artistic elements and depth of character that "Water for Elephants" presented.

Though wary of seeing what I considered to be a chick flick, I was still much more of an applicable audience to it than the next installment of "Big Mama's House" or whatever it is that Tyler Perry's "Madea" movies are

The plot of "Water for Elephants" was presented as a flashback, much like "Saving Private Ryan" or "Big Fish." An old man remembers back from when he was young in the Great Depression, on the verge of adulthood, when his parents died in a car accident and left him with nothing. Jacob (Robert Pattinson) is forced to run away to the circus when the bank seizes his parents' home.

When Jacob hopped aboard that train to anywhere, he discovers an entirely new world. He is allowed to stay by the grace of the Benzini Brothers' Circus leader, August (Christoph Waltz), as the circus animals' veterinarian.

As the circus train stops at a series of one night stands in towns all across America, Jacob becomes close to August's wife and the circus's main attraction, Marlena (Reese Witherspoon). Of course, he falls in love with the spectacle and beauty of the other man's wife – and anyone can guess what happens

"Water for Elephants" does not have much of a novel idea for a plot, considering that it probably lost some of the magic of imagination from the original book, but still succeeds in its emotional and cinematic appeals.

Though Reese Witherspoon is 10 years older than Pattinson and thus their on-screen romance is a little awkward, the chemistry between their two characters is appealing and even quite beautiful. The audience easily finds itself able to relate to either one of the characters with a certain timeless appeal. Thankfully, I've never seen "The Notebook," but I imagine that the two movies' love stories are pretty similar.

Cinematically, director Francis Lawrence



#### Grade: B+

succeeded in making the movie into a wonderful spectacle. Lawrence is known most notably for "I Am Legend" and "Constantine," but took an entirely different direction with "Water for Elephants." The movie got a little bit dull in the middle, but otherwise Lawrence's artistic direction and use of intrigue kept the audience's full attention.

As far as the acting goes, Christoph Waltz was a perfect casting for August. His mischievous brand of civilized evil that he mastered in "Inglorious Basterds" fit seamlessly into "Water for Elephants." Reese Witherspoon was beautiful as always, but stuck to her average romance acting instead of having the chance to show off her raw talent. Robert Pattinson may have also just proved that he can be more than a typecast teenage angst, but there are no promises there.

"Water for Elephants" would of course be a great date movie to go see, but transcends the line of just any average chick flick. The bottom line: unless you're far too macho to see a movie about love, go check it out. You may just be surprised too.



### The time of her life



Sabrina Chandler / Staff Photographer

Katherine Lyda, resident at Green Acres Nursing Home, reminisces on her time on the set of 'Dirty Dancing! She was filmed in two dance scenes of the movie as an extra

#### Milledgeville Resident reflects on her part in the '80s hit film 'Dirty Dancing'

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Katherine Lyda,

Green Acres resident

older people."

SABRINA CHANDLER STAFF WRITER

Katherine Lyda is very much Milledgeville's small-town celebrity. She appeared in one of the most well-known movies of the '80s: "Dirty Dancing." For a week, Lyda performed alongside Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Gray, having the "time of her life."

While working for the American Red Cross and attending school at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Lyda came across a news-

paper advertisement searching for dancers to appear in a movie which was being filmed nearby. She responded to the call, and was chosen to be in the movie.

In one of the early scenes of the movie, Lyda can be spotted dancing off in the crowd while Patrick Swayze is dancing with his partner Cynthia Rhodes. Lyda was also in the final scene of the movie. While everyone is dancing in the big ballroom, Lyda, wearing a blue dress, throws off her shawl and begins

"I'm in the last (scene) of the whole movie, and I'm in a blue dress with my mother's fur, I ran home and got it. I was representing the older people," Lyda

She received \$33 a day for her part in the movie. She went to the wardrobe closet and wore the same thing day after day, her blue

"I just came back to the same old dress everyday. They wouldn't let us wash them or take them home. We just had to wear them over and over. But that was my blue dress.'

The actors were given a call sheet everyday, with the actor's name, date, lunch time, call number and performance time on it. This is one souvenir that Lyda kept from the set, something she now treasures and keeps in her memory

"I still have that sheet, and I am so glad now that I took it. It has the names of all the people who were a part of it. And I just treasure it," Lvda said.

She even had the privilege to come into contact with the late Patrick Swayze. She spoke about how great of a man he was.

"I was waiting for a seat and he was right below me. And he just said we appreciate you being here and being a part of the movie," Lyda

Her favorite part of the movie is the swim-

"I'm in the last (scene) Swayze and Jennifer Grey are practicing lifts in the lake. of the whole movie, "It was just so freezing in and I'm in a blue dress that water. They were so cold when they were filming. And with my mother's fur, they were out there forever. I I ran home and got it. tried to go back and watch (the

> they just don't," Lyda said. Lyda had a wonderful experience on the set of "Dirty

> movie) to see if I can find a

part where they look cold, but

ming scene, where Patrick

Dancing. "I had a great time working on this movie. We all made friends because we would be

bored in between filming," she said. "Dirty Dancing" wasn't Lyda's movie debut.

however. She also appeared in a movie that was filmed earlier than "Dirty Dancing." That film was never released to the public.

"I was in one movie filmed at the Biltmore House," Lyda said. "The showing of it was ruined when a plane hit an antenna. So we never even got to see the movie."

Lyda was born and raised in Asheville, N.C., and she moved to Georgia in the '90s. She and her late husband have four children: a late son and three girls. One daughter lives in Milledgeville and teaches at a local school.

"I just love it here. It is so pretty, and this is

my home," said Lyda.

# Dance minors to perform in spring concert

TAYLOR SEAY STAFF WRITER

Dance minor students are preparing for the upcoming Dance Minor Spring Concert that will take place April 3 at 8 p.m. and May 1 at 2 p.m. in Russell Auditorium.

More than 60 university dance students will perform in the spring concert, which will also feature nine student choreographed dance numbers. Dance genres will include jazz, ballet, modern and contemporary dance.

Emily Hensley, Corrine Przedpelski, Elena Henson, Hannah Waldman, Christina Hamilton, Christine Breyman and Chelsea Thomas are student choreographers who are all presenting dances.

Emily Hensley, senior nursing major, choreographed two ballet pieces. Hensley also collaborated with Chelsea Thomas to create a jazz dance imitating choreography from that of Bob Fosse, a famous musical theater choreographer. Hensley has been practicing and rehearsing with other dancers since the end of December.

"We have been working really hard for about four months now," Hensley said.

The dancers plan on performing three different ballets featuring music from George Gershwin as well as a 25-person, high-powered tap piece to Cole Porter's "Anything Goes.

Dance instructor, Julie Mulvihill, will present a contemporary modern dance using multimedia; the pieces are entitled "Are We There Yet?" "Fly" and "Avalanche."

The Dance Minor Spring Concert will also feature a guest artist, the modern dance company, Company Rose. The company will present two works; the first piece is a solo "Leveche Part 1, or Windy Lines," inspired by Yeats. The second performance, "Serendipity 3," is a selection of a larger evening length work, and this performance will feature five dancers.

Live vocalist, Laurie Meeks, will be singing



TAYLOR SEAY/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Chelsea Thomas senior mass communication major. practices for the upcoming Dance Minors Spring performance.

to various dance numbers. Meeks is a local vocalist, who has several Christian albums.

Georgia College's advanced lighting design class and instructor, Beate Czogalla, will be featured during the concert. The 18-students from this class have taken on the spring concert as a class project.

"This is going to be the best light show on campus, in my opinion," Pelton said.

Christina Spilkner, senior biology major and dance minor, will be performing a modern and contemporary ballet piece, as well as a jazz

"We have been working hard all semester and I am excited to see it all come together," Spilkner said.

"Every year the concert greatly varies," Pelton said. "It is completely different year, and it depends on what the students come up with,"

Dance students started auditioning for pieces in the concert in October 2010.

General admission is \$5 for students, \$7 dollars for faculty and non-Georgia College students, and \$11 for senior citizens. Tickets are available at www.gcsutickets.com.

## Senior says 'thanks' for time at Georgia College

"I would say 'thank you for

helping me broaden my per-

met people from all around

a lot about myself."

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SUBMITTED BY MARTA PASCUAL CABALLERO

End of December 2007: Maggie Irungu can not separate herself from her computer. Everything seems to be as ordinary as it can be outside of her room, in the dorms of Georgia College, but she is terrified. Back home, eight thousand miles away, in Nairobi, Kenya, her family can't go out of their houses safely. The reason is the spread of violence in the street between the two main tribes in the country, provoked by the polemic presidential elections.

January 20th, 2009: Maggie celebrates the success of Barack Obama in becoming the first black president of the United States.

"I am really proud of him, especially because he has Kenyan roots. Kenyans back home celebrated when he was elected," Maggie said.

Two key moments for the history of the two countries that have shaped Maggie's life so far: Kenya and the United States. The study abroad program she is taking part in here at Georgia College has kept her away from her country, her family and her roots for five years now. These past five years have been full of both good and hard times, and now that she is about to graduate, Maggie looks back and realizes that the experience was worth it after all.

"My educational experience has been good; therefore, I would recommend it to someone else," Maggie said.

However, experiencing the cultural differ-

ences and the separation from her home country has been more difficult than she expected before coming to the U.S. Facing civil violence in Kenya after the 2007 elections from the other side of the globe wasn't easy.

"It was a really difficult time because many

people lost their lives. People from the two major tribes in Kenya were killing each other, and this was really sad. I thank God that we made it through though, and I am especially grateful because no one in my family was harmed," Maggie

Maggie says she was not specifically interested in politics before, but after spending five years away from her origins, her interests and knowledge broadened beyond the strictly academic arena.

Now she can comfortably explain political and cultural differences between the U.S. and Kenya, weakness and strengths in both countries democracies, the progressive westernization of African countries, and the simplicity of life in her home country.

"Life in Kenya is more simple, but it is enough to fulfill myself... if you have few things, but those few things that you have are the really important ones for you, then your life

is good," Maggie said. In Kenya, she lives in Kileleshwa, an estate

in the Nairobi province, close to the busy capital city. There her family works in spective about the world.' I've a coffee shop, where she helped while she was not studying. She spent her high school years in a boarding helped me be a better person school for girls, which This has been a good learning is very common in her experience. I have also learned country.

One of the things that she remembers with nostalgia is the quiet countryside where part of her family live, called Muranga.

major "I really like going up country because it is so beautiful, the air is so fresh and clean, the water is crystal and the vegetation is so green and wonderful," Maggie said.

Maggie was the one who made the decision of studying abroad in the U.S. Even though her parents did not fully agree, they supported her decision. She had high expectations of this experience, which motivated her to take the two years preparation seriously to complete the requirements needed to access an American uni-

The media projections of the United States made it a desirable place for Maggie to come. But once in this country, she found that some of the cultural and social differences were even greater than she thought.

However, she found two great support systems in Milledgeville: the International Club, that has always been available for help and specifically allowed her to meet friends from all over the world, and her church community that share her strong faith and beliefs.

Today, less than one week from her graduation day, she evaluates how this university and this country has changed her. Missing her roots helped her to see all the good things that Kenya has and that she took for granted before.

"I miss the simplicity of my country, I miss speaking in my language...I miss the beauty of my country. I would say that this experience has made me more patriotic. I appreciate my country and my people more," Maggie said.

At the same time, she admits that this country has given her a lot of positive things over the years, which make her thankful to have this

"I would say thank you for helping me broaden my perspective about the world. I've met people from all around the globe, and I think this has helped me be a better person. This has been a good learning experience. I have also learned a lot about myself," Maggie said.

#### **Phelps**

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Her advisor and associate art professor Valerie Aranda is aware that the year long process of senior exhibits can be difficult for many.

"The process they go through with their senior capstone is a very difficult one. There is a lot of questions and many critiques," Aranda

Aranda expressed that she has the same hope for all her students in their senior capstone process.

"My hope is always that the students will find something that they are very connected to and something that is very meaningful to them and that they are passionate about," Aranda said. "I think she (Phelps) really found a way to bring all of her interests together, and I think it made her stronger."

Others deeply believe that her art has given her a way to communicate her past struggle with cancer.

"I know that her show has given her a new way of expressing her emotions and offers a new outlet for her feelings about cancer," said senior art major Julia Allen, who helped Phelps hang her show in Blackbird."I have been friends with Elizabeth for a few years and this past summer we went on a study abroad together to Waterford, Ireland. I know the person that she is, the heart she has, and I am inspired by the strength she gives off."

No matter what Phelps does with her life, Aranda believes the purpose of her art was to galvanize anyone who comes in to contact with it.

"I also think her hope is to inspire other artists or other people who are going through cancer or other difficult situations," Aranda

#### Dance troupe Continued from page 14...

Maggie Irungu,

senior mass communication

The Liz Lerman Dance Exchange is also known for working with a wide variety of people.

During the show, a clip was shown of one of the Dance Exchange's members, a man in his 70s, performing a piece entitled "Blue Sky."

Stephanie Miracle, who has been with the company for one and a half years, enjoys working intergenerationally.

"I like working with Liz Lerman more than any other standard dance company because there's a lot of diversity," Miracle said. "The the older members of the exchange, but there were dancers with various disabilities. Jones really liked working with all of the

different people. "Working with handicapped people was a

different take for me, but I was intrigued by the fact that it was different than other kinds of dancing," Jones said.

Others who participated enjoyed being able to work with so many different people.

"It was beautiful getting to dance with such a wide variety of people," said Leah Keelan, a sophomore theatre major.

During practices that were held April 17 through April 20, Keelan quickly realized that doing the choreography was more than just simply going through the motions.



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# DOUID Tennis gears up for Regionals



FILE PHOTO BY MANOJ KUNINTI / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER ON MARCH II Junior Jerome Leborgne and sophomore Johan Wadstein were both selected to represent the Georgia College men's tennis team on the All-Peach Belt Conference Team.

#### No. 7 Men to battle Columbus State University in first round of tournament

SAM HUNT SENIOR REPORTER

Although the regular season is over for the Georgia College men's tennis team, the Bobcats have been selected to compete in the NCAA Regional Tournament. Head Coach Steve Barsby is aware of what the Bobcats need to do to prepare them-

selves for regionals.

"We're going to know all the teams, so we'll just work on familiarizing ourselves and getting a good game plan in regards to how we're going to play them," Barsby said. "We're going to come out like we did in the Peach Belt Tournament. We played great in the Peach Belt Tournament we just ran into two tough The men's tennis team will be on

the road Sunday, May 1 to compete in their first regionals match against Columbus State University.

"I think that in the doubles, we didn't do good at the first start of the season," junior Jerome Leborgne said. "We've done better on the Peach Belt Tournament but we have to let the other people make mistakes. We need to step on it and play for the

Also going on in Bobcat tennis, Georgia College has selected two players from the men's team to be on the All-Peach Belt Conference teams.

The two players selected to be on the All-PBC Team from Georgia College were Leborgne and sophomore Johan

"It's good, this is the second time. I earned it last year too," Leborgne said. "I could play better, but it's a good thing to be recognized for how you play.

For the 2011 season, Leborgne has a record of 12-10 competing in the seeds of first and second singles. As for being selected for the All-PBC team, Leborgne looks at how he has improved individually over the year.

"I had a bad weekend the second weekend we played. I had three straight losses. It was the beginning of the season and I didn't play well at all," Leborgne said. "But I've done better after that, I've been getting more consistent. And I have to be even more consistent for next year."

Wadstein has a record of 12-7 this year for competing in the top two spots in singles. For the NCAA Regional Tournament, Barsby feels that the biggest component that the men need to work on is their singles

"Hopefully we can come out on top in the doubles and set ourselves up for singles," Barsby said.

"I think that was one of the things that hurt us in the men's matches in

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File Photo by Vanessa Whited / Staff Photographer on April 15 Sophomore Kayla Barksdale was chosen for the All-Peach Belt Conference team along with senior teammate Bertille Lion.

#### No. 4 Women set to take on familiar foe Flagler in first round of NCAA tourney

Sam Hunt SENIOR REPORTER

Even though the Georgia College women's tennis team suffered a tough loss to No. 12 Clayton State in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament on April 15, which put their regular season to an end, they have been selected to compete in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

This year was one of those years where it was just a good atmosphere for the guys and girls. The girls competed unbelievably hard," Head Coach Steve Barsby said. "We weren't the most talented team in the Peach Belt but got a bunch of results that we probably shouldn't have got and they're being rewarded with probably a pretty good seed in the regionals.

The women's tennis team will begin their regionals play when they travel to Savannah, Ga., on Monday, May 2.

The Bobcats will play their first regional match against known opponent No. 5 Flagler College at 2 p.m.

"I'm pretty happy because we might play against Francis Marion in addition to Flagler," senior marketing major Bertille Lion said. "We beat Flagler and we lost by four against Francis Marion so that would be a good chance

to beat them this time." From the Georgia College women's team, two players were selected to be on the All-Peach Belt Conference

Lion and sophomore undeclared major Kayla Barksdale were chosen to represent the Bobcats on the All-PBC

Barsby knows the hard work and dedication the selected players put into their tennis this season.

"They had a good year and in our conference if you get picked for that obviously the coaches feel you've had a good year, you're a nationally recognized player so we're very excited about that for all of them," Barsby

Lion was selected for two PBC awards: PBC Second Team Singles and PBC Second Team Doubles.

"It's been tough to be No. 1 so I'm glad that I found a way to get there and beat people that were ranked better than me," Lion said.

This is Lion's second time being selected for doubles and her first time for

This All-Peach Belt Conference selection was the first PBC honor for Barksdale.

"We have learned that nothing is impossible and you should believe that you can beat someone and if you work at it, you're going to make it happen,' Lion said.

At first singles in the 2011 season, Lion is 11-11 and a PBC record of

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### Baseball takes three of four from Erskine



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER Junior second baseman Luke McKay tags out an Erskine player attempting to slide into second while junior shortstop Tanner Funk backs up McKay on the play. The Bobcats now hold an overall record of 32-15 and a conference record of 12-9.

The Short Stop

DRAKE SIMONS STAFF REPORTER

Rain forced the No. 18 Georgia College baseball team to push its series opener at Erskine last week back a day and cancelled its April 25 game at Benedict, but that didn't stop them from taking three out of four games in the series.

The scheduling shift kept one home game for the Bobcats on Friday while moving the Thursday game to April 25, and added a game to make a double-header Saturday at

In the first of four games versus Erskine, the Flying Fleet took the lead scoring a run in the top half of the first inning. Senior catcher Richard Pirkle responded with a home run to left center, scoring Josh Young to lead 2-1 at the end of the first. Erskine came back with a home run of their own to score two runs.

The Bobcats fired back in

the fourth when Pirkle doubled to start the inning and was able to score on a single by junior shortstop Tanner Funk.

Both teams remained at three runs each on the board until the bottom of the seventh when junior third baseman Travis Echols took a swing on a 3-1 count to send a ball over the left field wall for an RBI.

The Bobcats scored four runs on six hits to win 4-3. Richard Pirkle went 3-3 on Friday with two RBI's.

"I was just swinging at strikes today. These past two weeks I've just been swinging at a lot more strikes and putting balls in play," Pirkle said.
"When you put it all together we had pitching; we had a ton of hitting. It was a good game. We were pretty solid defensively, pitching and we had a bunch of hits. That's how you win games."

The Bobcats returned to John Kurtz Field on an overcast Saturday, but as the um-pire yelled, "Play ball," the sun jumped out to make it a hot doubleheader.

The Bobcats scored first with Pirkle batting in Young after he walked. Erskine scored two to lead the Bobcats by one until the bottom of the second. Echols singled to lead the inning and worked his way to third after an error and a failed pick-off attempt.

Sophomore first baseman Cody Maas flied out to centerfield scoring Echols. Georgia College scored a run in both the third and fourth inning. Scoring two runs in the fifth the Flying Fleet tied it up at four each.

Three Bobcat batters were walked in a row loading up the bases. A pitch, forcing a run in for the Bobcats, hit sophomore designated hitter Ikaika Anderson. Another runner was pushed around to score on a balk by the Erskine pitcher.

The sixth inning ended with two runs, no hits and two left

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#### **A LETTER** FROM THE **SPORTS EDITOR**



SCOTTY THOMPSON SPORTS COLUMNIST

Everyone always says that time flies by before you know it, but nobody ever seems to believe it until it happens to them. One year ago, I was taking over as the new sports editor of The Colonnade. Two blinks of an eye later, I'm wrapping up my tenure here at Georgia College.

When I took over this post last year, I entered the job wide eyed but ambitious, looking to help improve our already award-winning sports section by expanding our coverage to more club teams and subjects that had not yet been tapped into.

Along the way, I've gotten to know people who have forever changed my life. At least three to four times a week, I was on the phone with Sports Information Director Al Weston. Nobody works harder than Al, and I've been honored to work with him the past year. Athletic Director Wendell Staton is the sharpest dressed man with the biggest smile on campus. If you're a member of the Bobcat Nation thank Wendell because he has helped elevate the image of Georgia College athletics. And I couldn't have asked for more from the great coaches and players I've interviewed in the past year. I'll miss everything from Terry Sellers pacing up and down the bench, to Chandler Lee and Scott MacLeod giving us the play-by-play of Bobcat sports. Along with winning Best Sports Coverage at the Georgia College Press Association awards for the fourth consecutive year, The Colonnade won General Excellence for the sixth consecutive year, and that couldn't have been done without our talented staff. I've enjoyed working with all of them, particularly my fellow seniors, who have helped make this the best year of my life.

Editor-in-Chief Matt Chambers showed as much confidence as anyone in me and has given me all the tools and leeway necessary to keep producing an award-winning section. In short, I couldn't ask for a better boss than Matt. At some point, News Editor Katelyn Hebert and Features Editor Mandy Boddy have given me help or inspiration that I needed. I'll miss helping Katelyn generate headlines and listening to Mandy talk dreamily about Harry Potter. Photo Editor Drake Simons provided me with great sports photos all year long that gave the section a great visual element. Rebecca Burns was a lifesaver, as I called on her for several design ideas and concepts that helped tell the sports stories in an alternative way, and Claire Childs always provided me with an emergency ad if I needed one. With these people, we've made The Colonnade even better, and I'll miss all of them. A year ago, Preston Sellers

wrote in his last column that he was passing the torch along to me. And now I pass the torch to Sam Hunt, who undoubtedly will continue to do this section justice and hopefully improve it even more. For the last time as Sports Editor, I'm signing out.

#### **Upcoming Games**

#### **Baseball:**

April 29 7 p.m. Armstrong Atlantic April 30 2 p.m. Armstrong Atlantic 5 p.m. April 30 Armstrong Atlantic

#### Golf:

May 2-4 NCAA Regional Championships

#### Quote of the Week

"I think it would mean a lot to club sports in general because it would give us more notoriety and may get us more funds. Organizations like SGA will be more wiling to give us more money the more successful we

-Coordinator of Recreational Sports, Bert Rosenberger

#### **Notable Stat**

The number of collegiate club ultimate frisbee teams that qualified for Division-III nationals in Buffalo, New York from May 21-22.

# Shida, Young excel on golf course

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

Senior golfers Billy Shida and Joe Young hate losing to each other, but they also want each other to win.

In the five years they've known each other, the two have formed a special bond: teammates, roommates freshman year, close friends and arguably brothers.

Georgia College Head Coach Jimmy Wilson has seen their competitive fire firsthand. In addition to their competitive spirits, their success prior to college was what drew him to recruit both players.

"They fought each other tooth and nail before here, and they've done the same since they've been teammates," Wilson said. "At the same time they root and pull for each other. They're each other's biggest fan.3

**Growing up:** 

Shida has been playing golf since he was five years old when his father started taking his older brother and him out to play. Shida learned even more from his neighbor Bubba Gwynn, who also played at Georgia College and helped Wilson recruit him.

"(Gwynn) took me under his wing and is still a big influence on me today," Shida said. "I quit all my other sports when I was 14 or 15 so I could focus on golf.'

Young got his start on the golf course at age nine.

"Nobody else in my family plays golf, but my older sister worked at a golf course back home," Young said. "I went there with her one day after school, and the owner introduced himself to me and has been influential to me ever

Living in the small town of Cochran, Ga., Young said that golf was not always the most popular sport to play, but Charlton Norris, the golf course owner, helped him keep his

"Having someone like that around helped a lot," Young said. "I quit my other sports when I was 12 or 13 because I realized that golf was what I really wanted to do."

**Decision time:** 

It was the summer of 2006. Shida and Young were entering their senior year of high school and had already put up an impressive résumé

Wilson, who gets recruiting help from former players and friends, was given a tip on both of the talented golfers.

"Joe's high school coach was my college roommate, and Billy's next door neighbor played for me," Wilson said. "I looked them up online and saw that Joe was the Southeastern Junior Player of the Year, and Billy was the Junior PGA Player of the Year. It was a no-

Shida and Young met in a tournament that summer and immediately became friends. Shida wanted to come to Georgia College for a number of

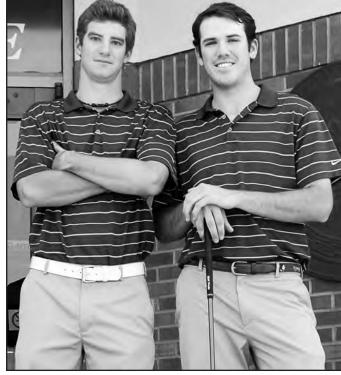
"I knew a couple guys who had played for (Wilson), and I had heard awesome things, Shida said. "It was in state, so it was very helpful financially.

Shida committed that October and then began calling Young every day to convince him to join the Bobcats. Young did just that, and both signed their letters of intent in November.

"It made all the sense in the world to come here," Young

Memorable experiences While at Georgia College, Shida and Young have continued to pile up the accolades.

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SCOTTY THOMPSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Seniors Joe Young (left) and Billy Shida (right) have both won numerous accolades at Georgia College. Both golfers have pushed and supported each other and both intend to play professionally after they graduate.

### Ultimate preps for upcoming Nationals

KEVIN HALL STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia College Ultimate club team, Disconnected, is excited for the opportunity to compete for a national title in the Division III College Ultimate Championships in Buffalo, N.Y., in May.

"That'd be really good for the program itself. People can see that it is a competitive sport," said senior history major and team co-captain Peter Crupie.

Senior marketing major and team co-captain Blake Hannah believes it won't only benefit the Ultimate

"It will be good for all the club teams (if we can win this)," Hannah said.

Coordinator of Recreational Sports Bert Rosenberger agrees with Hannah.

"I think it would mean a lot to club sports in general because it would give us more notoriety and may get us more funds," Rosenberger said. "Organizations like SGA will be more willing to give us time in regionals, with more money the more successful we are."

to win first place in the sity, they still won't take tournament, it will be the first national title for any club team at the school according to Rosenberger.

In fact, it will be the first championship of any kind for any sport at Georgia College since the late '90s when the Bobcats took home national titles in cheerleading.

Despite that pressure, the team isn't worried about the big stage.

"I think it is going to be sweet to play in a national tournament," Hannah said. "Normally at the other tourneys we play in the only people watching are just friends and family.

This one will have people who are there to actually watch (the games)."

Crupie thinks that the opportunity to end their season at nationals is a big deal because of all the upper classmen on the team.

'We have eight seniors on the team, so it's gonna be sweet to end it there," Crupie said.

The tournament, which will be held in Buffalo, N.Y., is over 900 miles away, but they don't think the distance is going to be that big of an issue.

"We usually get to all of our tournaments at 2 a.m. and play that day anyway," Hannah said.

The only problem that might come into play is the environment in which they are playing.

The climate will be much different than the hot and humid climate of Central Georgia.

"Only thing that might be a problem is we are only playing a mile and half from Lake Erie, so it could be really windy or cold," Crupie said.

After a relatively easy their closest score being 15-9 against Southern If Disconnected is able Polytechnic State Univeranyone lightly.

"We played the defending national champs (Carelton College) earlier this year, and we only lost 13-8, but we shot ourselves in the foot," Crupie said. "We could have won that game."

The guys are also looking to capture some of the success the women's ultimate team had last year when they finished fifth at nationals.

Disconnected will continue practicing to get ready for nationals which N.Y., from May 21 to May



FILE PHOTO BY JESSICA RAMIREZ / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER ON APRIL 22 Freshman Nolan Klinke successfully catches the disk for Disconnected in their match at West Campus while warding off an opponent. Disconnected was victorious in five regional matches, resulting in a selection to play at Nationals.



FILE PHOTO BY JESSICA RAMIREZ / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER ON APRIL 22 will be held in Buffalo, Senior marketing major Brad Disher of Disconnected looks to pass the disc around his opponent. Disconnected will be traveling to Bufallo, N.Y. from May 21-22 to compete in the collegiate Division-III Ultimate Nationals.

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the conference is that we did great in doubles and didn't get it done in singles so hopefully we can carry that all."

The Bobcats record for this season currently stands at 14-8 overall, with a conference record of 4-5.

Looking back on the season, Barsby feels that the guys have had great team chemistry.

"The guys got along great on and off the courts. They really wanted to play for each other," Barsby said. 'We won some matches we some we should have won but the guys really competed hard for each other." As the Georgia College

shouldn't have won we lost

men's team heads to CSU on April 28 for their first NCAA Regionals match, Barsby sees how the team has improved over the past season.

"With the guys, their biggest improvement has been just believing against the top teams," Barsby said. "We play a tough schedule at the start of the year. A lot of self doubt comes in when you're playing teams in the top ten all the time but towards the end of the year they starting realizing that they can beat them if they play well."

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on base. The Bobcats scored two more in the eighth to make it 8-4. But Erskine, still fighting, scored four runs on five hits to tie the game 8-8. Junior center fielder Patrick Daugherty singled to score the winning run edging out Erskine 9-8

The second game on Saturday saw much less action from the Flying Fleet as senior left-handed pitcher Jason Nicholas pitched seven innings, striking out eight batters to help keep the Fleet from scoring.

"That's pretty much my ก่า ชกล runs and keep our team in the game," Nicholas said.

Senior pitcher Tanner Moore threw in the last two innings and kept the momentum going as Erskine had no runs to show at the end of nine innings.

"Starting pitching can keep you in the game and "Starting you hope to win a game like that," said Head Coach Tom Carty.

The Bobcats put up seven runs with help from Travis Echols, Shawn Ward, Richard Pirkle and Tanner Funk.

"I'm still working on a few things with my swing; trying to get it back and drive in runs and do what I'm supposed to do to help the team.

Funk said. "It was a good weekend for us. Just finish strong and hopefully we will peak at the right time."

Georgia College traveled to Erskine to play the last of the series Monday, April 25, only to find it difficult to win on the road. Erskine pulled ahead to win 7-5 leaving the Bobcats at 32-15 overall on the season. The Bobcats scored five

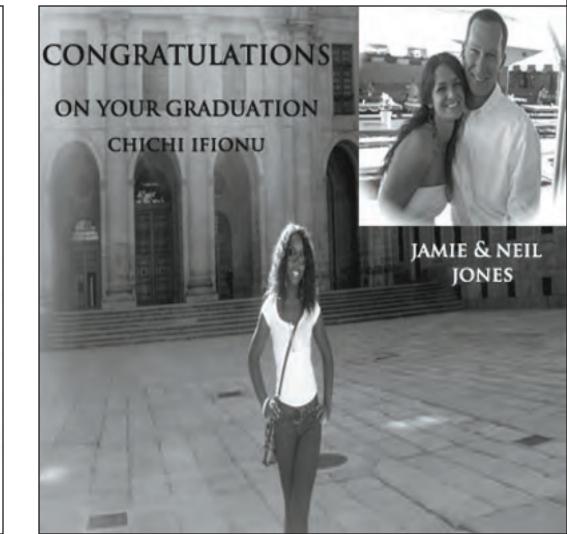
runs in the first three innings only to see Erskine edge to four runs in the bottom of the third. The score remained 5-4 Georgia College until the Flying Fleet scored three to win the game as Georgia College was unable to retaliate in the ninth.

The Bobcats have proven they can win at home going 21-4 in John Kurtz Field, but are only 11-11 on the road.

The Bobcats are one game behind Columbus State University in the PBC West. Georgia College faces its last opponent, Armstrong Atlantic, Friday, April 29 and with a double header on Saturday, April 30.

'(We need to) really focus on Armstrong Atlantic coming in Friday and Saturday and finish strong in the conference," Coach Carty said. "We want to work towards trying to catch Columbus for the division. We have to win one more that they win next week."





# Ward emerges as leader for baseball team



 $\label{eq:Drake Simons / Senior Photographer} Drake Simons / Senior Photographer Senior rightfielder Shawn Ward stands next to third base coach Zeke Mitchum.$ 

DRAKE SIMONS STAFF REPORTER

The Bobcat baseball team is rounding out the season with hopes of defeating Armstrong Atlantic to take the lead over Columbus State in the PBC west.

Much of their success is due to two returning senior starters: catcher Richard Pirkle and right fielder Shawn Ward.

Ward leads eight offensive categories with 216 plate appearances, a .391 batting average, 56 runs batted in, and 106 total bases so far this season.

Ward, however, does not keep up with his statistics himself.

"My dad does and he informs me. If I have a good game he will call me and tell me what I'm hitting," Ward said. "We don't bring it [statistics] up much but when we do it's all in fun and games. When it's brought up we definitely have a little bit of fun

with it "

Another category leader and close friend of Ward agrees. Richard Pirkle knows that stats aren't everything.

"We're not big on stats but we joke around with each other. I mean he likes to use a different bat every now and then and I give him crap about that. He's just consistent; he's got so much talent," Pirkle said. "He sticks with it. He's very consistent with his swing and how he goes about practice."

Ward played at Middle Georgia College for two years and was an All-Conference player.

Head Coach for the Bobcats, Tom Carty, recognized Ward's talent and was glad Ward enjoyed playing for Georgia College.

"Shawn came in here pretty successful out of junior college," Carty said. "We try to recruit really successful players. You try not to get in their way too much and try not to over coach too much

because they've obviously done some things and done them well," Carty said.

Ward leads by example and motivates the team with his performance on the field.

"Shawn's not the kind of person who's a vocal leader. He [leads] more by example and how he plays. He plays the game hard and he approaches everything the same. Go hard, 110 percent and have a lot of confidence," Pirkle said.

Ward knows his strengths and what he needs to work on.

He responds to coaching well and pursues help when he realizes he needs it.

"Shawn will come to the coach when he's struggling and I think that's the sign of a mature player," Carty said.

Batting is usually something that Ward doesn't struggle with.

"I think my strength is definitely in the box hitting and something I would like to work on is my defense and maybe my throws from the outfield," Ward said. "I tend to rush sometimes and I don't get the velocity like I should. I just wish my defense was a little better at times."

times."

Ward is hopeful to win the PBC-West by beating Armstrong Atlantic at home to edge out Co-

lumbus State.

"Winning the Peachbelt championship. That's what I would love to happen. I want to sweep Armstrong and then I want to go to the Peachbelt tournament and not lose a game there and get to regionals," Ward said.

Whatever the outcome of the season Ward hopes to play All-pro independent baseball and then considers the military as an option after he's done playing baseball.

"If I could say one thing to anybody it's don't have any regrets," Ward said. "Work as hard as you can and leave it all on the field."

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Both have been perennial All-PBC players, All-Southeast Regional players, and both have received various All-American attention.

Young was the PBC Freshman of the Year his first year, and Shida was recently named the PBC Player of the Year for 2011. Shida and Young both recalled a turning point in their freshmen season in 2008 at the NCAA Division II Championships in Houston, Texas. The Bobcats finished in fourth place.

"Billy and I were new to the atmosphere. There was a rain delay in the second round, and we got called in for a little bit and spent some time around each other," Young said. "When it was over, we both came out hot like something

feeding off of each other's energy."

Shida added that in addi-

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perienced, and were both just

tion to the success on the golf course, their relationships with each other and other teammates, such as former Bobcats Niclas Johannson and Francisco Bide, have been as memorable as anything.

"That's the coolest part right there. Joe and I have both won our tournaments, but looking back 10 to 20 years down the road, we're going to cherish every memory we've made here," Shida said. "It's been a fun four years, and it's gone by quickly."

#### Competition and obsta-

Shida and Young continue to push each other and root for each other at the same time.

"At the end of the day, if I beat Joe or Joe beats me, the other one is there to say congratulations" Shida said

gratulations," Shida said.
"We both know how good we are and what we are capable of," Young said. "He and I equally hate losing, and as long as we can feed off each other and keep getting better, the better off we are."

Both players have had their fair share of hardships to overcome as well. For Shida, it was Lyme disease as a sophomore and a partially torn shoulder pectoral muscle earlier this season. For Young, it's playing off and on with an injured

"It's an ongoing process. It's not something either one of us want to talk about," Young said. "Whenever it's time to tee it up, you forget about what's ailing you. But you learn a lot and become a better person. It drives you to play harder and know there's a reason why you're playing this game."

Leaving behind a mark:
As they near the end of their careers at Georgia College, Shida and Young have one central goal: a national championship.

"This school hasn't won one. We smelled it freshmen year and haven't gotten as close since," Shida said. "We have to get through regionals first. We took it for granted last

year and didn't make it, but this year is different."

"We want to be remembered as great athletes and golfers," Young added. "Overall, the most important thing we leave behind is our reputations, and that we were successful at everything we did at Georgia College."

However, the end of the season in May won't be the end of their golf careers.

Shida, a senior accounting major, will turn professional and be starting on the Hooters Tour.

"I want to enter some qualifiers and play for a couple years and see what happens," Shida said.

Young, a senior management major, will also be turning pro

"It's going to be weird going from being teammates with Billy to playing against each other," Young said. "Hopefully five years from now, we'll be able to sit down next to each other and be having the same conversation."

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5-5.

The doubles pair of Lion and Barksdale are 14-7 and a 6-5 record in the league.

"Results are the most important factor to get selected for the All-Peach-Belt Team. If you're not beating anyone then no one's voting for you," Barsby said. "So in our conference with the tough schedule obviously our kids have beaten enough players to where the coaches respect them so that's what they look it. Most tennis players are good kids anyway but they're looking at

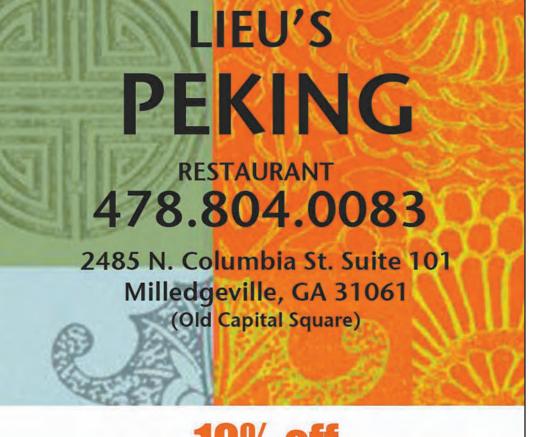
results."
Going into regionals, the No. 4 Bobcats have an overall record of 16-8 with a conference record of 8-4.

"This year was one of those years where it was just a good atmosphere for the guys and girls," Barsby said.

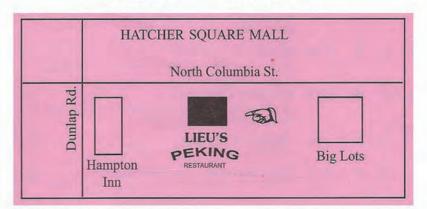
"With both teams, the thing they've probably taken from this season is that in an individual sport it doesn't who you're playing you can win. You can figure it out and you can win. If they compete hard they're going to have a shot in whatever they do."

As the Georgia College women's tennis team heads off to Flagler in Savannah in the Regional Tournament, Barsby knows that they have been working extremely hard this season.

"We're competing very hard. The girls and guys both every time they go out no matter if we're playing a team that's 200 in the country or No. 1 in the country they think they can win," Barsby said. "They give it everything they've got so that been real positive the last part of this year."



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